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THE CREDIBILITY OF "PEOPLE AND THE PURSUIT OF TRUTH"

by Edmund C. Berkeley, Editor

In an article in this issue, the credibility of this magazine is questioned. Says Fred Pilot, "only if facts, information, and truth" are adhered to "will your credibility remain intact."

I am sure that our credibility has never been "intact", and that different people attribute credibility to us along a scale ranging from almost zero for no credibility to almost one for total credibility.

But there are some elements of credibility that are worth discussing.

1. We will not, like "Time" magazine, publish a picture of Lee Harvey Oswald which is a clear and known forgery and treat it as if it were the truth.

2. We will not, like "The New York Times", alter a book review by John Leonard of Garrison's "Heritage of Stone" printed in the first edition, a review that questions

the Warren Report, and alter it into a book review (printed in later editions) that is innocuous so that no questions remain. (See "The Central Intelligence Agency and 'The New York Times'" by Samuel F. Thurston, in "Computers and Automation", July 1971).

3. We will seek to publish statements and articles by persons who probably know what they are talking about and who are probably not lying at the time they talk about it: for example, a statement by Richard M. Nixon when it is an official message from the President of the United States (which he then was) to the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV), explicitly promising reparations to the DRV.

4. If it becomes clear that something we have published is far from the truth, we shall publish corrections as plainly and as clearly as we can.

5. We are totally against lies, and their repetition and perpetuation.

6. We seek to pursue the truth, without claiming to attain it finally.

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